

**§ 1943.105 Eligible entities.**

(a) FSA will consider proposals only from:

- (1) 1890 Land-Grant Colleges, including Tuskegee University.
- (2) Indian tribal community colleges.
- (3) Alaska native cooperative colleges.

(4) Hispanic-serving post-secondary educational institutions.

(5) Other post-secondary educational institutions with demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agriculturally-related services to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in their region.

(6) Any community-based organization that:

(i) Has demonstrated experience in providing agricultural education or other agriculturally-related services to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers;

(ii) Provides documentary evidence of its past experience in working with socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers during the 2 years preceding its application for assistance; and

(iii) Does not engage in activities prohibited under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) In addition to those entities referenced in paragraph (a) of this section, an applicant must:

(1) Have adequate financial resources for performance and the necessary experience, organizational and technical qualifications, and facilities or a firm commitment, arrangement, or ability to obtain same (including any to be obtained through subagreement(s));

(2) Have the ability to comply with the proposed or required completion schedule for the project;

(3) Have an adequate financial management system and audit procedures that provide efficient and effective accountability and control of all funds, property, and other assets;

(4) Have a satisfactory record of performance, including, in particular, any prior performance under grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements from the Federal Government; and

(5) Otherwise be qualified and eligible to receive funding for a grant agreement, cooperative agreement, or other agreement under the applicable laws and regulations.

**§§ 1943.106–1943.110 [Reserved]****§ 1943.111 Process for consideration.**

(a) A program solicitation will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and such other publication(s) as deemed appropriate, as early as practicable every 5 years that funds will be available for new project use and at other appropriate times.

(b) The project proposal must contain the following information:

(1) *Background and need for the project.* Explain the circumstances which necessitate a Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Project within the State to serve small farmers, especially members of socially disadvantaged groups.

(2) *Objectives and goals proposed to meet the objectives.* Clearly state the objectives of the project, which should be in line with the objectives of the program stated in § 1943.102 of this subpart, and explain the goals proposed to meet the objectives.

(3) *Statement of Work, including staffing.* Describe the plan of action for meeting the objective of the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program and the necessary staffing.

(4) *Proposed budget.* (i) Submit a proposed budget for each of the 5 years, showing line-by-line cost items for the proposed project. Include any in-kind contributions to be provided.

(ii) Show all funding sources and itemize costs by the following line items: personnel costs, equipment, material and supplies, travel, and all other costs.

(iii) Salaries of project personnel who will be working on the project may be requested in proportion to the effort that they will devote to the project.

(iv) Funds may be requested under any of the line items listed above provided that the item or source for which support is requested is identified as necessary for successful conduct of the project, is allowable under the authorizing legislation and applicable Federal cost principles, and is not prohibited under any applicable Federal statute.

(5) *Identification of personnel.* Incorporate into the proposal the resumes of all anticipated personnel, including the